

Press Release

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Noodles & Company Restaurant, Martin Luther King Community Center & Midtown Vineyard Church “Bag Hunger”- AGAIN!

It was a scorcher of an afternoon—perfect weather for eating trendy pasta fare to help fight hunger in Indianapolis. Right. The sun was hot on the terrace of Noodles & Company Restaurant in Broad Ripple Sunday afternoon, August 9, as a live band from Midtown Vineyard Community Church played some original tunes and Christian worship music. Everyone was celebrating another successful partnership between Noodles & Company restaurant (www.Noodles.com), Midtown Vineyard Community Church (www.midtownvineyard.org) and the Martin Luther King Community Center (www.mlk-msc.org).

This was the second time these partners pooled efforts to do something positive about battling hunger. In April 2009, they pioneered the idea of asking folks to donate food items and then eating at Noodles & Company as a way to help others.

The previous week, volunteers from Noodles & Company, Midtown Vineyard Church and the Martin Luther King Community Center placed over 1,000 bags on porches of homes in Butler-Tarkington and Broad Ripple, inviting neighbors to fill the bags with non-perishable food items to help stock the Martin Luther King Center food pantry. Flyers on the bags invited people to bring their food donations to the one-day benefit at Noodles & Company on August 9; that day Noodles & Company also donated 15 percent of food sales to the Martin Luther King Community Center.

“I am so grateful for the kindness of our neighbors,” said Martin Luther King Community Center Executive Director Netetia Walker. “Lots of people are hurting right now and coming to us for help. Our friends came through again to help stock our food pantry. Thank you to everyone who gave.”

Pastor Rob Stiles of Midtown Vineyard Church added, “Acts of kindness put legs on our faith. Our church is honored to join efforts with Noodles & Company and the Martin Luther King Community Center.” Noodles & Company assistant manager Emma Guinn loves to host benefits for all kinds of good causes. “We have been blessed; why not do something nice for someone else,” said Guinn.

If you would like to support the Martin Luther King Community Center food pantry, take a bag full of food to the Martin Luther King Community Center at 40 W. 40th Street, Indianapolis, 46208 or make a tax-deductible monetary contribution.

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